



BORIS THE SPIDER



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

--- SIR WALTER SCOTT ---

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A NEW BEGINNING!

Well, here it is, the new *BORIS THE SPIDER*, Volume IV no less. This issue isn't as I had imagined it for several reasons, and I shall now invoke editorial privilege to explain how and why. The first thing I did after we decided to expand *BORIS* from a single game "flyer" to a multigame format was to order a hard drive for my Apple IIgs so as to take advantage of a desktop publishing program I bought a year ago. The hard drive arrived Wednesday (four weeks after ordering it) and it won't talk to my ancient SCSI card. A new SCSI card would seem to be the solution, so the new design has been pushed back one issue.

This is issue #0, by the way, so that a) it doesn't count toward your subscription (which most of you haven't paid yet anyway) and b) I can bring on the "new look" with issue #1. Those of you who are delinquent are reminded to send your subscription fees with your first orders.

By the way, we sent out 32 formal and two informal invitations. At this writing, we've received 14 replies from the formal, two from the informal, and one unsolicited reply.

Enough of the blather. On to the game assignments:

BORIS IV

AUS: James "Wormtongue" Fryling
ENG: Jack Shacklett (Lord One-eyed)
FRA: Tony Rezzarday
GER: Jason Fisher (Foreign Minister)
ITA: T.J. Klausutis (Lord Devoni)
RUS: Paul Saunders (Tsar Paul III)
TUR: Don Patrick

This one should be a beaut. *BORIS III* winner Wormtongue Fryling is caught between *BORIS II* winner Don Patrick, Lord Devoni, and Paul "Take no prisoners" Saunders. Rookie Jason Fisher is well placed to pick up some of the spoils if he can ally with either Tony "Grab those dots" Rezzarday or "Stab 'em in the back" Jack Shacklett.

BORIS V

AUS: Ron Fisher (European Advisor)
ENG: Wayne Morrison (Tudor King)
FRA: Tony Rezzarday
GER: Eric Ford (Kaiser Rolle)
ITA: Brad Wilson (Pope Brad XIV)
RUS: Jack Shacklett (Tsar)
TUR: Don Patrick

Two rookies to the *BORIS* league make their debut. Pope Brad is a player of long standing and a respected (and often reviled) 'zine



publisher in his own right. Eric is a veteran of the only purely E-mail BORIS several years ago. Ron was Italy briefly in BORIS I. Wayne, Tone, Jack, and Don round out "the usual list of suspects". This one is wide open.

1830

- 1) Wayne Morrison <PRIORITY>
- 2) TJ Klausutis
- 3) Mike Anchors
- 4) Chuck Hanna

You'll start with \$600 each. We'll only do the private company bidding this time. I need your vote on the optional "6" train, your private company bids and the par value of the B&O should you acquire it. Should I get all your orders in early enough, I'll get the results back to you quickly, and hopefully we can conclude STOCK ROUND 1 in the next issue. At least for now, the House Rules will be the same as those of FAST TRAX. I'll be sending copies of those to Wayne and TJ.

Mike is the shark here, while Chuck is the barracuda. TJ's played a single game (I ought to know, I've had his set for the last three years. Guess I'll have to buy my own now.) Wayne just bought his set a couple of weeks ago. Remember the 1830-players' motto, "Cruelty is in" and you won't go too wrong. By luck of the draw Wayne starts off the bidding.

The Others

1829: No one signed up. Game cancelled.

1835: Signed up is Hanna.

DUNE: Signed up are R. Fisher, Mikolaj, and Saunders.

GUNSLINGER: No one signed up, but Anderson intends to when he gets a copy.

KREMLIN: Signed up are Frueh, Saunders, and Anchors.

MAGIC REALM: Signed up are Chinnery, Anchors (if KREM doesn't float), and Shacklett.

TITAN: Signed up is Morrison.

Policy

We encourage our subscribers to play in as many of the games offered that they have a mind to. If nothing else, we'll develop a corps of alternates. Keeping that in mind, it is our intention to offer three or four DIP games and maybe three other non-DIP games (or whatever our sanity/schedule will permit) on a four to five week schedule. All players are encouraged to "spread the word" about our current game openings and recruit friends and enemies to fill out the sections.

Plugs

We've recently received issues of these fine 'zines:

DIPADEEDOODAH!, Phil Reynolds, USF #4286, 4202 Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL 33620. Dedicated to the play of DIPLOMACY and its variants. Subscription, 3.5 cents a page and a \$5 game fee.

FAST TRAX, Dick Martin, 17601 Lisa Dr, Rockville, MD 20855.

Dedicated to the play of 1830. Subscription free.

FRUEH'S FOLLY, Mark Frueh, 1128 Olympus, Naperville, IL 60540.

Dedicated to the play of 1830, ACQUIRE, DIPLOMACY, & KREMLIN. Subscription free, game fee required.

LOCO MOTIVES, Dan Huffman, 311 Mallard Ct, Charles Town, WV 25414. Dedicated to the play of 1830 & 1835. Subscription free.

VERTIGO, Brad Wilson, PO Box 126, Wayne, PA 19087. Dedicated to the play of DIPLOMACY and its variants and reporting and commenting on DIP news in general. Subscription is \$4.50 for ten issues, but most game reports appear in MEET GEORGE JET-SON, "The GameFlyer of Champs", which doesn't count against the subscription.

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